

IN THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2), please add the following new claims:

16. (New) A ridge ventilation system comprising:
- a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;
- each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel flanked by ventilation grids; and
- a plurality of fasteners stowed on at least one of said ridge vent sections to be used in fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.
17. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein each of said ridge vent sections further comprises wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids.
18. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 17 and wherein each of said wind baffles is supported by an array of buttresses extending between said wind baffle and the corresponding ventilation grid.
19. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises nails.

20. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 17 and further comprising a drain trough formed between each of said ventilation grids and the corresponding wind baffle, weep holes formed along each of said drain troughs for promoting the escape of water from said drain troughs, and upstanding barriers positioned along said drain troughs and aligned with said weep holes for preventing rain from being blown through said weep holes and into said ventilation grids.

21. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said fasteners are driven into holes formed along the lengths of said ridge vent sections.

22. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 21 wherein said holes are disposed in said laterally flexible panel.

23. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 22 and wherein said fasteners comprise nails.

24. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises a sufficient number of fasteners to fasten said ridge vent section to a roof and to fasten shingles over said ridge vent section.

25. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claim in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners is removably stowed on said ridge vent section.

26. (New) A ridge ventilation system comprising:
a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;
each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel with holes therein and flanked by ventilation grids; and,
a plurality of fasteners carried by at least one of said ridge vent sections.

27. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said holes are configured to receive said fasteners for fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.

28. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and further comprising wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids.

29. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 28 and further comprising an array of buttresses extending between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid for supporting said wind baffles.

30. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises a sufficient number of fasteners to fasten said ridge vent section to a roof and to fasten shingles over said ridge vent section.

31. (New) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said plurality of fasteners are removably carried by said ridge vent section.

32. (New) A ridge vent section comprising:

a central panel;

a ventilation grid formed along an edge of said central panel; and

a fastener stowed on said ridge vent section for fastening said ridge vent section to a roof.

33. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and further comprising a hole in said panel.

34. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 33 and wherein said fastener is driven into said hole when fastening said ridge vent section to a roof.

35. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 34 and wherein said fastener is a nail.

36. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and wherein said central panel is laterally flexible.

37. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and further comprising a wind baffle positioned outboard of said ventilation grid.

38. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 37 and further comprising a drain trough formed between said ventilation grid and said wind baffle.

39. (New) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 38 and further comprising a weep hole formed along said drain.